

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 13th 2005

Mayo Rally

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network Rally will be held on Sunday November the 20th at the usual venue, the Belmont Hotel, Knock. Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Bookings for accommodation should be made directly with the hotel. The rate is 50 Euro per person with a special all-in rate of 70 Euro for Bed & Breakfast and evening meal.

Traders confirmed are South East Communications, Long Communications and Cellcom Ireland among others. The rally will also feature exhibitions, demonstrations and presentations and Practical Wireless Editor Rob Mannion will be at the rally. Of course, a major feature of the rally will be the very popular Bring & Buy.

Traders or clubs wishing to book exhibition space at the Mayo Rally are asked to contact Padraic Baynes EI9JA on 087 6957154 evenings only or by e-mail to "ei9ja at eircom dot net".

Shannon Basin Radio Club AGM 2005

The Shannon Basin Radio club held its 2005 AGM in the Royal Hotel, Roscommon on Wednesday the 2nd of November, and was well attended by old and new members.

The outgoing committee members were thanked for their efforts over the past year, and in return pledged their support for the new committee.

The new committee members are as follows, Chairman: Brian Canning EI8IU, Secretary: Fergus Millar EI6IB, Treasurer: Martin Scanlon EI4IJ, QSL Manager: Michael White EI5EAB, Contest Manager: Noel Mulvihill EI6HW and PRO: Pat O'Connor EI9HX.

The 2006 committee members hoped they would be able to continue with the expansion of the club, in relation to new members, and greater involvement in club outings, and it is hoped that the club will take part in the first IOTA expedition to Inishere (Inis Oirr) in the Aran Islands in 2006.

The Shannon Basin Radio Club want to thank the owners and staff of Royal Hotel in

Roscommon, for affording the use of their premises for club meetings.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

This coming Thursday the 17th of November, Practical Wireless editor, Rob Mannion G3XFD / EI5IW will visit the club. The venue for this get-together which starts at 8.00 p.m. will be the Waterford Crystal Social & Sports Centre, Cork Road, Waterford. All are welcome to attend.

Radio Theory Examination

As already announced the next Radio Theory Examination will take place on Wednesday January 18th at 2 p.m. in the Comreg offices. Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey St., Dublin 1. Those interested in sitting this examination should contact Sean Nolan EI7CD by email to “ei7cd at gofree dot indigo dot ie”, telephone 01 2851599 or by letter at QTHR. The entry fee is 50 Euro with a reduction for full-time students. The closing date for entries is January the 6th 2006.

A sample question paper is available for downloading from the IRTS website www.irts.ie or by post from Sean Donelan EI4GK at QTHR. Information about the examination are in the September/October edition of Echo Ireland.

Jamboree On The Air

Groups who participated in JOTA are asked to submit reports to Sean O'Suilleabhain EI3IP, National JOTA Organiser at Scouting Ireland, Larch Hill, Dublin 16 or by E-mail to “jota at scouts dot ie”. The report form is downloadable from the Scouting Ireland Radio Scouting Web page at www.scouts.ie/jota All reports received will be used in compiling the National Report for the WOSM in Geneva. Reports should if possible include photographs and press cuttings.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to “news at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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